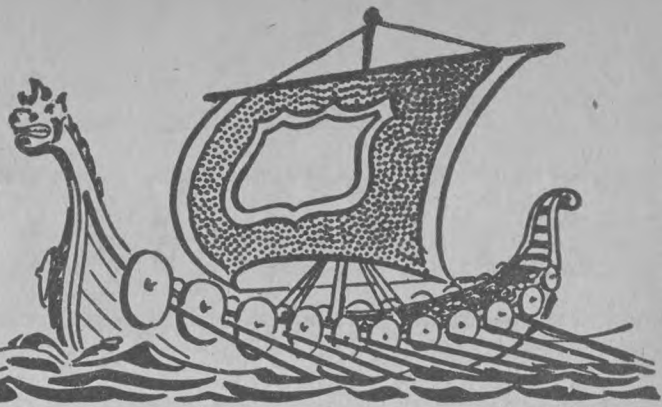




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Happy New Year

"Grainfetti" Deters Saskatchewan Wheat Thieves

One of the least-publicized crimes occurring throughout Saskatchewan is grain stealing but an imaginative and apparently successful deterrent has been developed against grain rustlers.

It is virtually impossible to tell one grain seed from another and unless a thief is caught on the spot he usually gets away with his haul—mostly from storage bins located on relatively isolated areas of large farms.

However, a group of men in the Perdue-Biggar area, about 60 miles west of Saskatoon, evolved an idea which seems to deter grain snatching.

EDITOR APPROACHED

After discussing the situation with the RCMP, the men, members of the Perdue local of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union, approached Bill Morphy, editor of the weekly Biggar Independent.

They wanted him to investigate the possibility that his presses could turn out small pieces of paper that could be mixed with the grain as it was binned for identification purposes.

Mr. Morphy developed what he calls "grainfetti." It consists of small 1/4-by 1/2-inch slips of paper which are numbered and can easily be mixed with grain.

Last June Mr. Morphy started production and sales of grainfetti which costs about \$26 for five pounds, between 500,000 and 6,00,000 individual pieces.

THIEVES MOVE OFF

He says the RCMP has informed him that the introduction of the paper slips has almost eliminated grain thefts in certain areas.

"The RCMP tells me that in some localities where grainfetti has been sold to a number of farmers the activities of the grain thieves have been shifted to districts 20 or 30 miles away," he says.

SAS Increases Capacity On Winter Schedule

MONTREAL — Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) will offer 371 million ton-miles of capacity on its world-wide routes effective November 1, according to an announcement by Hans J. Dedekam, Canadian Manager for SAS. This represents a 19 percent increase over last year's winter program.

Additional all-cargo flights between North America and Europe, and increased schedules within Europe and Scandinavia, are features of the most comprehensive worldwide winter schedule ever operated by SAS.

Jet freighters will serve Scotland

and Scandinavia four times a week from Montreal and New York—an increase of one round trip per week.

On the passenger side, the newly opened non-stop Polar Route from Copenhagen to Seattle and Los Angeles will operate three times weekly in each direction, as will routes linking Montreal and Chicago to Scandinavia.

Eleven round trips a week are scheduled between New York and Scandinavia, including through flights to and from Oslo and Bergen.

Danish domestic services, feeding into Copenhagen, will be increased, and twice-a-day jet service between Tromsø—in Northern Norway—and Oslo, will be initiated.

Within Europe, two daily flights between Copenhagen and Zurich

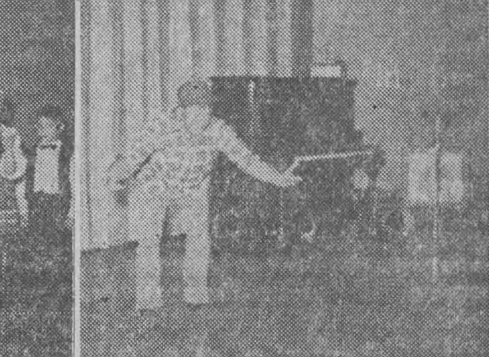
have been retained from the summer program and a second weekly, non-stop flight from Stockholm to Paris will be added. A third Paris flight will be added in March.

Service between Stockholm and London will be operated daily; three non-stop and four via Gothenburg.

Introduction of jet freighter service on the North Atlantic and operation of completely palletized piston cargo aircraft in Europe has given SAS a 112 percent increase in cargo capacity compared to last winter's schedule.

Cargo from North American will be shipped directly to any of 17 commercial centers in Europe via through-pallet service.

SAS serves 85 cities in 42 countries.



The above photos show some of the activity taking place in preparation for the annual Scandinavian Night. Mr. Fusi Arnfinson is in charge of the evening which will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium, January 21st. Mr. Joe Lineham has been handling the auditions.

WARNING re: CHARTER FLIGHTS

Before you buy your ticket or make a deposit for a charter flight to Scandinavia, ask yourself these two questions:—

- 1) Is the flight sponsored by a bonafide Society with a substantial membership?
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At the present time the ONLY bonafide Society sponsoring charter flights out of Edmonton to Scandinavia is The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited whose authorized representative is:—

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(see advertisement on Page 3 of this paper)

If you are approached by any other person posing as representative of the Scandinavian Centre Charter Flight please contact Mrs. Nielsen at once before paying a deposit. The Scandinavian Centre enjoys an enviable reputation for the successful operation of eighteen charter flights to date and is planning three more for the summer of 1967. No passenger has ever lost his or her deposit on such a flight.

The Scandinavian Centre Charter Flight Committee

EDITORIAL

From the . . .

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Once again the time rolls around to the annual Scandinavian Night. As a result of the auditions and feverish rehearsals we are assured of another memorable evening of entertainment and I certainly hope you will be able to attend again. In addition to a wonderful evening of talented acts this year, the Scandinavian Centre is offering a big bonus — some lucky adult ticket holder will win a free trip to Scandinavia in 1967. Keep your ticket stub in a safe place until the results are announced through the news media. What a wonderful chance — perhaps this will be the start of a lucky year for you.

Memers Lauded For U.C.F.

Campaign Support

We feel the members of the Scandinavian Centre will be glad to know how much their support of the United Community Fund is appreciated; accordingly we pass along the following extract from a letter recently received:

"The exceptional effort put forth by the Scandinavian News during the past United Community Fund Campaign can never be compensated for in proper form. We are certain that it was the Edmonton media's wholehearted co-operation and invaluable help that

made our City's Volunteer efforts the most outstanding in Canadian United Appeals. Please know we recognize your important role in furthering the United Way. May we wish you, our ethnic publication "Volunteers" a very Merry Christmas from all other volunteers? The success you helped attain made the past year a great one, and the new a brighter one for so many citizens."

Ben Sutherland,
Chairman,
UCF Public Relations

What Price Progress?

With everything from whipped cream to formaldehyde coming in gaily decorated spray cans these days, these too-convenient containers are becoming an increasing household hazard. Numerous women have been treated for painful eye conditions because they were careless in aiming their hairspray dispensers. A severe irritation of the ear canal has resulted from a similar accident.

A teen-ager allergic to pyrethrum had a severe allergic shock reaction when he accidentally sprayed a bug-bomb in the wrong direction. The list of such incidents is increasing at a pace that has recently prompted warnings from medical centers across the nation.

The gas used as a propellant is usually Freon, which is harmless, but the cans contain shellac, varnish, ether solvents or preservatives, in addition to the "active ingredients."

Many of the deodorizers contain formaldehyde, which, in direct contact, can destroy the tissues of the eye, ear or nose. The insecticides in the insect bombs are potentially harmful if a person should receive a direct blast.

In addition to the effect of the material in the can there is the possibility of direct mechanical injury to the eye from the force of the blast itself. The material in the can is under intense pressure. Within arm's length of the eye, it can actually penetrate the surface of the cornea, setting up a condition called "spray can keratitis" by the ophthalmologists. It often takes two

or three days following exposure to the spray before the eyes become sore, and the relationship is overlooked, but a painful condition limited to one eye should raise suspicion that there has been exposure to an aerosol.

Inspection of three spray cans in our own house shows that one does not list its contents. Labels on the other two are written in chemist's language that the average layman cannot interpret. All three warn against overheating the can, but on only one is this legend in a type size easily read; on two of the three is a warning against spraying into a lighted fire.

There is nothing to warn children to stay away from the cans, evidently trusting to good sense on the part of the parents — a questionable value judgement.

Most people know enough not to put the empty cans in the family fireplace or incinerator, but the possibility of explosion on overheating is not adequately warned against on the label of the can.

In addition to the hazards outlined here, consumer organizations point out that the aerosol can is an extremely expensive way of buying whatever ingredient one is seeking.

However, the spray can is attractively packaged and in some instances possibly the most convenient and practical method of using the material. But the spray can is also a hazardous item and should be treated as such by adults and kept well out of the reach of children.

BUFORD

NEWS

Mrs. Gunhild Ladouceur has taken over the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Breton.

Get-well wishes go out to Percy Sandstrom, Mable Sol and Fjallen Johnson who have been on the sick list.

We are glad to see Raymond Erickson at home and feeling fine after having undergone surgery at the Royal Alexandra Hospital on December 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson and family motored to Bruce one Sunday in November to visit with Avis's mother, Mrs. M. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gellert have moved from Edmonton to Thorsby. Melvin is with Hans Meyer's Trucking and Marilyn joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal.

The Lodge Curlers are curling every Wednesday at the Calmar Curling Rink. After their game on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, they enjoyed a social evening starting off with a turkey supper and all its trimmings.

Axel Modin sold his home in Edmonton and is now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Gust Modin of Calmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Erickson recently motored to Boyle to visit Mr. and Mrs. Axel Erickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pearson spent the Armistice weekend at Edgerton visiting Angela's sister Shirley and her husband Larry Krause.

Five new members were welcomed into the Lodge at the November meeting: Mr. Mike Hancar, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pederson and Mr. and Mrs. P. Sandstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kromm are now living in Red Deer where Rinold is with an oil firm.

Congratulations to Beverley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Christensen, who was awarded the Grade 9 Citizenship Award and a Grade 9 Leduc A.T.A. Local \$25.00 award at the Thorsby High School annual awards day exercises held recently.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Johnson. Bernard's mother, the late Mrs. Emma Johnson passed away on December 9th.

Mrs. Dennis Engberg visited her mother, Mrs. E. Price at Clear Lake, Manitoba. Mrs. Price returned with her daughter to spend the Christmas Season with Peggy and her family.

The Buford Lodge's Annual "Christmas Do" was held on December 11th at the Willow Creek Community Centre. The tables fairly groaned with all the goodies, highlighted by turkey and lutefisk. The children received gifts and bags of treats and a social hour was enjoyed before all left for home.

The Buford Lodge No. 577 wishes all its Sister Lodges a Merry Christmas and the best of good luck through "A Happy New Year".

FINNISH

FOOTNOTES

Finnish Society wishes a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all readers. Onnellista Uutta Vuotta.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert Karvonen who received his Masters degree at the University of Alberta in Edmonton on November 19th, 1966.

The annual bazaar and dance was held November 19th. Thanks to all who donated handicrafts, baked goods, etc. They were greatly appreciated.

Deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Eva Rinta whose husband, Mr. Nick Rinta, passed away on November 28th, 1966.

Next sewing circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa, 9942 - 149 St., on Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 1967. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. M. Koivuneva arrived from Finland recently. In Edmonton she will visit her son Mr. John Koivuneva and family. It is hoped that her stay in Edmonton will be very enjoyable.

For information on the annual meeting and the January dance turn to the advertising section of this paper.

At the January dance Mr. Onni Virtanen will be taking memberships for Helsinki Suomi Seura Ry. at \$1.00 each, which includes the publication of Suomen Silta (four times a year). If interested, phone 479-8185.

Once again the time of happy Christmas parties is here. Many of us have attended one or more of these pre-Christmas celebrations.

The Social and Ladies committees of Finnish Society once more showed us what can be done within our small group. The results were shown at the annual Christmas party.

From the doorway one could see a gay Christmas tree looking upon the nicely decorated tables with candles and little elves on them. Happily it was noted that just about all the places were taken.

After a short program the ladies served the "Joulupuuro" and coffee. Miss Ulla Vesalainen accompanied the singing of Christmas carols with the piano, and Mr. Eero Honka played the accordion for everyone's enjoyment. Santa Claus brought gifts for all and dancing followed.

Thanks to Social and Ladies committees for this special evening and also many thanks for all the work these two committees have done throughout the year. Kiitos for the work well done.

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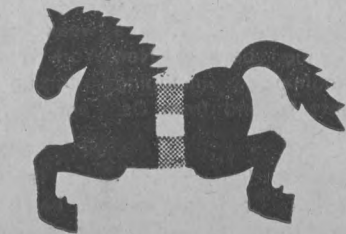
It was very gratifying to see so many come out for our BINGO, the happy people that won, we have not got their names, but we trust, that you and many more will come again, when we call for BINGO.

What about a WHIST DRIVE, we wish you would send us a note to tell us, what you are interested in beside Dances, we are here, to try to please everyone and would like to have something for both young and old, so won't you please drop us a line to let us know, what you will like to see in DANIA. Send your letters to the Secretary, Vera Nielsen 10029 - 85 Ave. and let us get started in the new year.

February 10th is the night for our big Karneval, so begin to think about your costume, and come dressed up, we are sure you will have more fun if you come dressed and don't forget, there will be good prizes.

March the 11th we are talking about a Centennial Dinner, so keep that date in mind, more about that in the next issue.

We are also trying to have something for Members only. Beside our Membership Draw, which we will have at every monthly Dance, you have to be there to win. The first draw will take place January 7th at our New Year's Dance. There will be \$15.00 in the draw and \$5.00 will be added every month. So you see, it will pay you in many ways, to become a Member of DANIA. A Membership only costs you \$3.00 for the year. Use the coupon and send in your \$3.00 right away. Mail to Mrs. Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85 Ave., Edmonton.



The Horse, symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

Please send me a Membership Card for 1967. I am enclosing \$3.00.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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"BIKUBEN" will meet the third Monday in the month, January 14th at 8:00 p.m. You know where and we hope you all will come out, starting the New Year right.

SOLGLYT
SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Eric Dinesen was pleasantly surprised when members of the Lodge called at his suite on the night of December 2. Mr. Arne Welling had quite a job keeping Eric at home until the guests arrived en masse. Could be Eric had a date but he wasn't telling. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Tychsen, Mr. and Mrs. Amdam, Mr. and Mrs. Naverseth, Ragna Sivertsen, Ida Paulson, Mr. R. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Lineham, and Mr. and Mrs. Searl. Games of whist were played, ladies high score was won by Maisie Amdam, ladies low by Ida Paulson, men's high Nels Naverseth, and low Alvin Searl. Eric was presented with a Centennial tray for his suite and a card with greetings for a pleasant journey, as Eric left on December 10 to spend 5 weeks of holidays in Denmark. Lunch was served by Orla Tychsen.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Stan Hafso on the recent passing of his mother, Mrs. Hanna Hafso, of Viking, Alberta, aged 78. Mrs. Hafso leaves her husband Sivert, six sons, John, Herman and Arnold of Viking; Stanley and Roy of Edmonton, Gordon in California. Six daughters, Mrs. Amelia Cooper, Mrs. Harriet Shaver, Mrs. Edith Sherwin of Edmonton, Mrs. Signe McKill of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Mrs. Anna Vyse, Mrs. Gladys Evans of Trail, B.C., 38 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, one brother and 3 sisters in Norway.

Mr. Robert Sivertsen and family have been transferred from the East to Calgary, Alberta. Their present address is 9 - Cornell Rd. N.E. Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sivertsen have recently moved into their new home at 920 - Maple Dale Place, S.E. Calgary.

Mr. Sig. Sorensen has set the date as January 9 for the first meeting of the 'Norwegian Club', at the Scandinavian Centre. Norwegian Whist will be played.

Mr. Stan Hafso is interested in forming a mixed chorus group beginning in the month of January. Any one interested in singing may phone 455-8860.

Danish Welfare
Committee Formed

The Danish Welfare Committee is now ready to help where any help should be necessary. If you do not know where to go to get help or advice then contact the Danish Welfare Committee and we will do what we can for you.

The members of the committee are:

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| Pastor Filtenborg | Ph. 469-6123 |
| Mrs. Karen Jensen | Ph. 399-8284 |
| Mrs. Vera Nielsen | Ph. 439-0506 |
| Fred Nonnecke | Ph. 466-6961 |
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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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I am a member in good standing of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Ass. Ltd.

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Vasa Lodge

December meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was opened by chairman Raul Nyroos at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Reported as having been in the hospital but home now and feeling better were Nellie Anderson, Fay Johnson, and Ida Franzen.

A round of applause was awarded all those who helped make the Coffee Party on Sunday, November 27, the success it was.

If you have some talent for entertaining, Joe Lineham is looking for you to help round out the programme for Scandipades 1967. January 21 is the date, 8:00 p.m. the time, and the Jubilee Auditorium the setting. You can give Joe a call at 455-8860 if you are interested. Tickets for the evening are available and Raul Nyroos, 455-4639, can give you more information about them.

The calendar of events for 1967 was approved, and should be in the mail early this year. Thanks to Linnea Lodge for her efforts in this area.

Congratulations were extended to Margaret Eliasson who has been appointed Grand Lodge Deputy to the Alberta District Lodge number 18 until the next Grand Lodge convention in 1970.

Skandia Elects Officers For 1967

The following slate of officers has been elected for the 1967 term of

office, and will be installed during the January meeting:

Chairman, Peter Johnson; Vice-chairman, Lennart Petersson; Secretary, Doris Gerneroy; Assistant Secretary, Martha Kay; Financial Secretary, Linnea Lodge; Assistant Financial Secretary, Doreen Nyroos; Treasurer, Don Johnson; Chaplain, Knut Engstrom; Master of Ceremonies, Erling Winquist, Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Mae Rush-ton; Inner Guard, Herman Nelson; Outer Guard, Ed Bergquist.

The Sick Committee, lacking one male member who will be nominated next meeting, includes Milda Backstrom, Hanna Sand, Irma McMaster, Herman Nelson, and Ed Bergquist.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Alma Samuelson 11736 Groat Road, Suite 7, on Saturday, January 28, at 8:00 p.m. All ladies will be welcomed.

The next meeting of the Lodge will be held Saturday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Refreshments and dancing have been arranged for, following the meeting.

Following the meeting, Margaret Eliasson led the group in a round of Swedish and English Christmas Carols. The lovely Swedish Christmas Hymn, Nu Tandan Tusen Juleljus was sung as a duet by Elsie Simmons and Margaret Eliasson. Lucia, portrayed beautifully by Carol Engvall, preceded by her three stjerngossar, two tarnor, and two tomte nissar entered the candle-lit room to the strains of Sankta Lucia. The "stjerngossar" were played by Jimmie Johnson, Gordon Johnson,

and Knut Larson. The two lovely "tarnor" were Linda Samuelson, and Rita Pearson. The wee "tomte nissar" were Neil Samuelson, and Noreen Markstrom. The pianist and accordionist for the evening was Eike Weiler. Coffee was served after the ceremonies, and Mr. Weiler played for any who cared to dance.

Due to a lapse of memory, this correspondent failed to wish the readers a Merry Christmas, and I must apologize for that. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the most prosperous and Happy New Year.

VASA GLIMPSES

Linnea Lodge and Eric Engvall visited John Jerrett in St. Joseph's hospital and showed John and his friends some colored slides. John loves company and welcomes all his visitors most warmly. Why don't you drop in and see him?

Wayne and Audrey Modin are very pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Barry Wayne, on December 9. He weighed in at 7 pounds 4 ounces. Proud grandparents are Willard and Evelyn Modin.

Martha Dahl has recently returned from a "wonderful" three month trip to the States. Her son Laverne drove her from here to San Francisco. From there, Martha flew to

Los Angeles to visit her daughter Connie, son-in-law Richard Streid, and grandchildren Mark and Susan. On her way home, Martha visited friends in Vancouver.

Golden Wedding Marked By Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anfinsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

A reception was held at Central Lutheran Church Saturday evening and an open house at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Gadsby, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Anfinsen were married in Sandnes, Norway and came to Canada in 1924. They lived in Erickson, Man. and Saskatoon, Sask., before coming to Edmonton 29 years ago.

Mr. Anfinsen was an employee of the provincial government until his retirement in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Anfinsen have been members of Central Lutheran Church for 29 years. Mrs. Anfinsen is an active worker in the Women's Auxiliary.

They have three children and 10 grandchildren.

Messages of congratulation were received from Lt.-Gov. Grant MacEwan and Premier E. C. Manning.

Junior Red Cross organizations in Norway, Finland and Sweden have launched nation-wide drives to collect Christmas gifts for Italian children who are victims of the devastating floods.

Nearly 1,500 Aged Write Their Memoirs

At a recent ceremony in Oslo, King Olav presented prizes to winners in the nation-wide memoir competition for Norway's aged. Launched by the National Association for Public Health in 1964, it produced 1,490 entries from men and women over 70. Former school principal Kristian Tordhol received the 2,000 kroner first prize. There were four other regular prizes, plus twenty extra prizes.

The idea of inviting the aged to write down recollections of their childhood and youth was first tested in the province of Vest-Agder. In view of the strong response, aged throughout the country were invited to submit their memoirs. Each province had a memoir jury which judged the answers, awarded provincial prizes, and entered the three best papers in the national contest.

The project had two main purposes, 1) to draw out the latent literary talents of ordinary, aging Norwegians, and 2) to preserve their personal reminiscences for the benefit of the younger generation that often lacks a sense of tradition. All entries have been placed in public archives for the use of social researchers and local historians.

Mayor Brynjulf Bull will be in Trafalgar Square Dec. 15 to light the 20th Christmas tree presented by the City of Oslo to the City of London. Accompanied by Mrs. Bull, the Mayor will proceed to Rotterdam and Antwerp to light the 16th and 12th Christmas trees, respectively, donated by Oslo. A fourth gift tree has gone to Reykjavik.

Annual Lutfisk Supper Held November 19th

The traditional annual Lutfisk supper was held on November 19, at the Masonic Temple and attended by 640 people. It was a pre-Christmas feast that consisted of Lutfisk, Norwegian meatballs, ham, lefse, salads, vegetables and Norwegian delicacies. The supper was convened by Mrs. R. Sivertsen, but equally important were the many volunteers, for without their co-operative spirit the major social functions would not be so successful.

Those who helped in the kitchen were Mary Gulbrandsen, Maisie Amdam, Anne Herstad, Marion Iverson, Martha Flatekval, Hilma Bukvi, Alvin and Ella Searl. Our president-cook Ellsworth Halberg had a full morning's session frying meat balls. The dining room hostesses were Lydia Naversteth, Ruth Logan and Clara Lineham, and here too, some men worked all day, Mr. R. Larson and Eric Dinesen. Many served in a dual capacity but space does not permit every name to be mentioned but an appreciative thank you goes to all the Dining room staff, the kitchen crew and special thanks to those who spent extra hours in their homes making the tasty lefse and pastries.

The program which immediately followed the supper opened with the singing of O Canada. The welcome address was given by president Halberg, a narration by Master of Ceremonies, Joe Lineham, followed by a variety program with a Viking theme. The Junior Saga dancers performed. They were: Penny Iverson, Nadean Lagergren, Sharon Travis, James Travis, Karen Waugh, Linda Logergren, Della Malsness, Crystal Decker, Lowrie Venoasen, Jan Venoasen, Debbie Johnsrude, Della Johnsrude, Patricia McBride. The Senior Saga dancers also performed. They were: David Oyen, Beverly Travis, Donna Verkland, Karen Cook, Garth Travis, Wes Travis, Warren Clark. Darlene Melsness sang a number of solos. Accordionists were Dell Melsness and Carl Elgstrand. Irene Lagergren and Harvey Haugen were also members of the family cast. A Canadian Indian arrived on the scene with his tomahawk looking for scalps; he turned out to be Danny Lineham. Irene Hovde rendered several solos with audience sometimes participating. Mr. K. Svidal, 4th, District President presented the Lodge of the year award to President Mr. E. Halberg. The program concluded with the singing of 'Ja Vi Elsker'. Dancing concluded the evenings entertainment with Carl Elgstrand's orchestra.

Edmonton Office Planned

There are enough Canadians of Norwegian descent in Alberta and Saskatchewan to double the total SONS OF NORWAY membership.

That's why MAGNE SMEDVIG of Minneapolis, said an office will be established in Edmonton.

Mr. Smedvig, general manager, is on a business tour of Canada and stopped over in Edmonton last month.

There are about 240 members of the Sons of Norway in Edmonton—total membership of the group is 40,000.

Canada and Norway have signed an agreement, subject to ratification by the respective Parliaments, providing for elimination of double taxation and reduction of various taxes on income earned in one of the countries by citizens of the other.

Christmas Bingo Held December 7th

A Christmas Bingo and Election of Officers was held on December 7, in the Dania Room. Many new names are on the Officers slate for the New Year.

President of the 4th, District, Mr. K. Svidal, presided over the elections.

The Officers elected are as follows: President, Joe Lineham; Vice-president, Cliff Johnson; Secretary, Isabelle Mjaatveit; Assistant secretary, Irene Lagergren; Treasurer, Stan Johnson; Financial Secretary, Minn Strand; Counsellor, E. Halberg; Marshall, Leiv Aasgard; Assistant Marshall, Eric Dinesen; Social Director, E. Haugen; Assistant Social Director, Stan Hefso; Inner Guard, Phil Olstad, Historian, Orla Tychsen; Junior Director, Clara Lineham; Assistant Junior Director, Maisie Amdam; Librarian, O. Myhre; Musician, D. Melsness; News Correspondent, Betty Travis.

Attending the meeting was distinguished guest Mr. Leonard Thompson, Field Manager from the Supreme Office at Minneapolis. He spoke to the members regarding his mission to Canada. He was hoping to find a man here in the Canadian area to act as field man. Following the meeting lunch was served by the ladies auxiliary. There was a good turnout for the bingo with a great variety of prizes won; Xmas puddings, Xmas candy, Xmas cake, mixed nuts, Xmas crackers and best of all a Christmas turkey.

Mrs. John Iverson was the lucky winner of the turkey. Other winners were Orla Tychsen, Betty Anderson, Ragna Sivertsen, Mr. J. Hope, Minn Strand, E. Searl, Edyth Johnson, Bonnie Oyen, R. Larson, Helen Taarness and Dennis Bukvi. The jackpot winner was Joe Lineham. The amount to be drawn at February's general meeting is \$4.20. The January meeting will be installation of Officers. Dinner and Dance.

Drill Team Honored At Party

Mrs. J. Lineham was the guest of honour at a recent dinner party at the Beachcomber. The party was held in honour by members of the Drill Team. Mrs. E. Clark presented Mrs. Lineham with a lovely gift on behalf of the ladies. Those present were Helen Taarnes, Bertha Nohr, Evelyn Oyen, Dolores Didier, Alice Loughlin, Margrethe Larsen, Gladys Clark, Betty Travis, Bonny Loughlin, Betty McKeivitt, Arlene and Maisie Amdam.

Cross Design Wins Contest

A cross poised above Churchill, Man., forms the design of a medalion that has won a Canada-wide contest for Peter Grosse.

The design by the 35-year-old artist of suburban Downsview was top entrant among Lutheran congregations across Canada, the Canadian Lutheran Council, sponsor of the contest, announced recently.

The bronze medallion, which shows the cross above a map of Canada and the head of Martin Luther on the other side, will go on sale at the Christian Pavillion at Expo 67 next year.

The cross points to Churchill as the site of the first Protestant church service in Canada, in 1619, by Rev. Rasmus Jensen, a Lutheran pastor aboard a Danish ship.

The council set up the competition to symbolize both Canada's centennial and the 450th anniversary of the reformation.

ICELAND . . . A Nation Hurrying Toward Tomorrow . . .

After breakfast at the hotel in Reykjavik, the thousand-year-old capital of Iceland, some change was left as a tip for the waiter. Later the guest found the coins returned, neatly stacked on a table in his room. "We get paid for our work," an Icelandic friend told him when he related the incident. "We don't want favours."

Superindependence is characteristic of the people of Iceland, an island republic which cast loose its ties with Denmark in 1944. Sitting atop the North Atlantic, surrounded by hostile seas, this island, one-fifth larger than Ireland, is Europe's most sparsely settled land, with 190,000 people. For centuries Iceland refused to involve itself with the outside world, trading only with Denmark and discouraging immigration. "As a result," says Gunnar Helgason, a Reykjavik lawyer, "everyone here is related to everyone else."

Irish monks are believed to have settled in Iceland as early as 795 A.D. They were followed by piratical Vikings and restless Celts in the ninth century. Some of these early Icelanders plundered Western Europe's seaports for 100 years and frequently raided Ireland and Scotland, kidnapping handsome girls. This selectivity shows today in Iceland's beautiful women, a surprising number of whom are redheads. Icelanders are similar in appearance to Swedes and Norwegians. "We are Scandinavians, with reservations," Icelanders describe themselves.

In today's air age, with most of Europe's capitals only two or three hours away, Iceland can no longer stand aside from the mainstream. Moreover, because of a high birth rate and low death rate, the island's population has almost tripled in this century; to survive, this country, where almost everything is imported, must look abroad for trade and investors. Thus, Iceland is beset by contrasts and contradictions, caught between its desire to have the best of all that is new, and its love for the heritage of the past.

Oldest Living Speech. A thousand years ago, all the Scandinavian countries spoke a common tongue, which was of Germanic origin. But while Norway, Denmark and Sweden accepted the infiltration of foreign words, Iceland has stubbornly kept the language untainted. As written and spoken today, the language is very little different from what it was in the ninth century. Icelanders are so jealous of this purity that the state radio broadcasts frequent warnings against foreign words smuggled in by visitors. If the early Vikings could return to Reykjavik now, they would be able to talk with the man in the street. "It's the world's oldest living speech," Dr. Gylfi Gislason, Iceland's Minister of Education, insists. "Latin, Classical Greek and Sanskrit are more ancient, of course, but they are no longer in everyday use."

To keep abreast of changing times, university professors pore through old manuscripts seeking obsolete words that can be adapted for new meanings. Thus the telephone is *simi*, an old word for "long thread," and a jet is *thota*, which formerly referred to a bird's quick flight through the air.

One of the most literate countries in the world, Iceland publishes seven times more books per person than England. "Better shoeless than bookless" is an Icelandic proverb. Every home has its library, and many of the volumes are in Danish, English and German, for the Ice-

landers are great linguists. There are five daily newspapers in Reykjavik (pronounced ra' kya vek), and two bookstores in almost every block.

Indeed, culture enjoys great popularity in Iceland. Regular salaries are paid by the government to outstanding local artists, writers and composers. The country supports an opera company, two symphony orchestras, a national theatre. Ballet troupes from Russia, Denmark and England perform in Reykjavik regularly.

Fire and Frost. As geologists look at things, Iceland isn't very old. Volcanic blasts heaved it out of the ocean only 60 million years ago, making it the world's youngest major landmass. Over the centuries, lava and ash from further eruptions have built it to a size of 39,800 square miles, and the island is still in the making.

New volcanoes are constantly appearing. The latest is Surtsey, off Iceland's southern coast. On the morning of November 14, 1963, smoke appeared at the surface of the water. Nearby fishermen thought that a ship was afire. Arriving at the scene, though, they found the waters boiling. By the next night, a black cone had broken above the waves and risen 30 feet high. Steam, produced by the meeting of sea water and volcano fire, caused frequent explosions. Great lumps of red-hot lava shot into the air and fell back into the sea. Purple flashes of lightning, formed in the rapid uprush of steam, zig-zagged through the smoke.

For months molten lava continued to spill over Surtsey's sides. When I flew over the volcano a year and a half after its hair-raising birth, the new off-shore island it had created was a square mile in size. The original cone was now quiet, but the smoke from satellite eruptions still seething around it was visible 75 miles away in Reykjavik.

Second only to Iceland's volcanoes in explosive drama are its thermal springs, which spout like teakettles everywhere. Visitors in Reykjavik (which means "Bay of Smoke") are often surprised to see small hot springs spouting steam from vacant lots and unpaved roads. Residents in northern Iceland for years have baked potatoes and bread in the warm, sulphury clay around the geysers.

Most famous of Iceland's hot springs is the "Great Geyser," which gave its name to similar springs all over the world. Unlike some, this one does not perform exactly on schedule, so tourist guides start the show by tossing soap powder into its basin. The powder dissolves just below the surface and triggers the sulphur in the warm water like a bomb, exploding a column of steam 200 feet into the air. The display lasts about 20 minutes.

With all its fire, Iceland has plenty of frost. One eighth of its surface is covered by glaciers. Where there isn't ice there are dreary wastes of lava, with black volcanic mountains rising on every side. This vast, uninhabited interior is so similar in appearance to the surface of the moon that America's astronauts are flown there to sample simulated lunar living and working conditions.

Here and there, however, the country has patches of surprising beauty. Lovely fjords indent the western and northern coasts, with the mountains dropping sheer to the sea. Hundreds of small, unpeopled islands sit all around Iceland. From rock-covered beaches of the south and east, deep valleys, green with grass and dotted with red-roofed farmhouses, run back to the mountains and the glaciers.

Since there are no railroads and only a few gravel highways in Iceland, the best way to get about is by plane; more than 100 communities have airfields, with scheduled services to a quarter of them. Each year, the number of air passengers within the country is equal to three out of five of the population. Looking down from the sky, you see water everywhere. Rivers, alive with salmon and trout but treacherous with quicksand, pour down from the melting ice to the sea; waterfalls abound. Highland lakes, also teeming with fish, are filled with icebergs broken off the glaciers.

Iceland's climate is relatively temperate though temperamental. Summers are cool, and the average January temperature in Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, is 30 degrees. A branch of the Gulf Stream, washing Iceland's coasts, is largely responsible for this mild climate. Air coming up from the south dumps a lot of snow inland, maintaining the immense glaciers, but generally a raincoat is more suitable than a heavy overcoat.

Polar currents clashing with these southern clouds make Icelandic weather more changeable than cold. In one morning there may be a drizzle, bright sunlight, dead calm and a shattering gale. Iceland has almost 24 hours of daylight during the summer months, almost total blackness in winter.

Sons and Dottirs. Iceland's people are even more complicated than its weather. To start with, there are names. Icelanders use their own Christian name and their father's Christian name, to which is added "son" or "daughter." If I were an Icelandic, my name would be James Hughsson, because my father's Christian name was Hugh. My wife would be Josephine Johnsdottir, because her father's first name was John, and my children would be Kenneth Jameson and Nancy Jomesdottir. Thus, in an Icelandic family the surnames of husband, wife and children are all different.

Juvenile delinquency is hardly known in Iceland. Violence of any kind is rare. In the last 50 years only three murders have been committed. There are but 250 policemen in the whole country. When it was necessary to disperse celebrating Allied soldiers and sailors on VE-Day—one of the few times there has been anything resembling a riot in the last few centuries—the police didn't even know how to release the firing pins on tear-gas grenades.

Smuggling and traffic offences are the most common crimes; drinking while driving is the most serious. If caught after having just one beer, a man loses his license for six months, is fined \$80 and gets six days in jail. He can choose the time of year it is most convenient for him to serve this sentence, though, and there are no cells in the national prison, which is only a country farmhouse.

Promising Potentials. The largest single slice of Iceland's national budget is spent for "free" education through the university level, "free" medical care, hospitalization, accident and unemployment insurance and old-age pensions. But to pay for this, Icelanders are taxed heavily. (Progressive income taxes, collected by both the state and municipalities, can take up to 57 percent of a man's earnings.) Nearly everyone holds two or more jobs and works long hours. Because the average salary is only \$3800 a year, wives often work too.

Iceland's outstanding example of free enterprise is Loftliedir (Icelandic for "Sky Trails"), the only airline flying the North Atlantic that is privately owned and not subsidized by government funds. Established 22 years ago with one single-

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engine plane and less than \$10,000 in cash, Loftliedir is today Iceland's largest single employer. In 1964 it carried 106,000 passengers to and from the United States, Iceland and Europe, had a net profit of one million dollars, paid a 15-percent shareholder dividend and bonuses to all employees.

The island's economy is keyed almost exclusively to fishing. The total catch is one million tons a year, about the same as that of Norway, which has 20 times more people. Iceland has made good use of its natural resources. It has, for example, a substantial greenhouse industry based on its abundant natural steam. At Hveragerdi, acres of tomatoes, cucumbers, grapes, bananas, grapefruit, melons, pineapples and even coffee beans are cultivated under steam-heated glass. Eighty to ninety percent of all buildings and homes in Reykjavik have central-heating systems fed with 130-degree water piped from wells ten miles away. In five years the city will be completely heated this way, as will most of the rest of the country.

But Iceland is now taking a hard look to see what more can be done—particularly with its waterfalls and hot springs. Their power potential is estimated at over five million kilowatts. To take advantage of this, new kinds of businesses are being encouraged; chemical factories, aluminum plants, greenhouse flowers

for air shipment to markets in Europe and America, heavy water for the atomic age, the extraction of salt from the sea.

As it grasps at these new technologies, Iceland is shifting from a rural to an urban society. Industry now employs 30 percent of the population, as compared with three percent at the turn of the century, when Reykjavik had fewer than 5000 people. Its population today: 77,000.

Food prices are 20 percent higher than on the Continent; inflation has averaged ten percent a year for the last decade; wages have jumped 40 percent since 1963. Although Iceland depends on Iron Curtain countries for 25 percent of its trade, the country is a charter member of NATO.

Immediately after World War II, largely because of sympathy for the wartime suffering of the Russian people, the communists enjoyed considerable prestige in Iceland. However, Soviet brutality in the Hungarian revolution dissolved this sympathy, and today communists hold only nine of the 60 seats in the Althing, the world's oldest parliamentary assembly.

Reconciling the ancient and the modern in so many ways, Iceland's life and conditions are changing daily. As Indridi Thorsteinsson, a newspaper editor says: "I was born 39 years ago on a foal-skin in a

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disk Tidende for all that it has done to strengthen the fellowship between those who are of Norwegian descent, and for maintaining connections between Norwegian emigrants and us here at home." Foreign Minister Lyng stated: "Nordisk Tidende has played an important role as a connecting link between USA and Norway, and has helped to deepen understanding between the two lands."

Over the years, Nordisk Tidende has initiated, sponsored and helped a large number of worthy Norwegian community service projects in Brooklyn, such as Norwegian Children's Home, Norwegian Hospital, and Camp Norge. During World War II, the paper spearheaded the drive in USA to raise funds for Norwegian war relief. In this period, Nordisk Tidende was the only independent and free Norwegian newspaper published anywhere. Thus, its circulation rose from some 9,000 copies to about 20,000. Among the many distinguished wartime contributors were novelist Sigrid Undset and Norwegian Parliament President Carl Joachim Hambro.

Nordisk Tidende was founded in 1891 by Emil Nielsen, a 30-year-old Norwegian typographer. During its first two decades, the paper had five editors—Kohler Olsen, Zakarias Hermansen, Ingvald Kopperud, P. C. Christensen, and Franklin Petersen. In 1911, A. N. Rygg and Sigurd J. Arnesen became part owners. After a few years, they acquired full ownership. With Rygg as editor and Arnesen as business manager, an era of steady progress began.

Three Recent Editors

When Rygg retired as editor in 1929, he was succeeded by Hans Olav who, in 1940, became Norwegian Press Attache in Washington, D.C. The next editor, Carl Soyland, served for over two decades. On Jan. 1, 1962, he turned over the helm to Karsten Roedder, who still is editor-in-chief.

Warm Tributes To "Nordisk Tidende" On Its 75th Anniversary

Nordisk Tidende, of Brooklyn, N.Y., one of the five remaining Norwegian language newspapers in the United States, published a 48-page issue on October 6 to mark its 75th anniversary. The jubilee edition contained greetings from American and Norwegian leaders. Among these were President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, and Mayor John V. Lindsey of the City of New York. Norwegian congratulants included Prime Minister Per Borten, Foreign Minister John Lyng, Ambassador Arne Gunneng, Consul General Aug. Fleischer, and Torolv Kandahl, editor-in-chief of Aftenposten, Oslo. Two articles in the 75th anniversary issue are of special interest. Carl Soyland, former editor-in-chief of Nordisk Tidende, writes about Norwegians who came to New York with the Dutch at the beginning of the 17th century. Karsten Roedder, the present editor-in-chief, offers another chapter in his history of the Norwegian emigrant paper.

Valuable Newspaper

The valuable service rendered by Nordisk Tidende was well described in the greetings. President Johnson observed: "By infusing it with Norway's most cherished traditions, this fine newspaper has enriched our way of life. And by impressing upon its readers the highest standards of the American creed, it has prepared them to be better citizens of their adopted land." Similar sentiments were expressed by Vice President Humphrey, who wrote: "As son of a Norwegian-born mother, I am proud of our mutual descent. Through Nordisk Tidende, your readers have been informed of the many vistas of Norwegian-American friendship and cooperation. They have kept up with news about leaders in the Norwegian-American community, with eco-

nomie developments, such as in shipping and commerce; spiritual—the contributions of Norwegian churches; cultural—Norwegian folk dances, singing societies, professional theater, art, and literary groups; sports—skiing, track and field; and so many other varied activities." Premier Borten declared: "We in Norway are grateful to Nor-

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Her dolls so sweetly feminine,
A shiny cart to wheel them in,
A doll house filled with furnishings,
A jumping rope, a top that sings,
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Some colored crayons made of wax,
A teatime tray of chinaware,
And yellow ribbons for her hair.

Among the things a boy should like
While he is still a little tyke
Are these: A drum that he can bang,
A book about a pirate gang,
A baseball mitt, a railroad train,
A rocking horse with flowing mane,
A scooter painted brilliant red,
A box of soldiers made of lead,
A water gun, a horn to toot,
And then, of course, a cowboy suit.

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Should have along with treasured toys
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An ever-loaded cookie jar,
A dad to join them in their fun,
A prayer to speak when day is done,
A mother's kiss with words unsaid
When they are fondly tucked in bed.

—William W. Pratt.

A Century Of Co-operation

A CENTURY OF CO-OPERATION

A hundred years ago, 109 families in the north Jutland town of Thisted formed Denmark's first co-operative society and laid the foundations of the Danish consumer co-operative movement, to which 40 per cent of all households belong.

The movement is still going strong as it enters its second century, and has radical plans aimed at establishing a single Co-operative Society of Denmark.

In an issue featuring Scandinavia, TIME magazine carried a map of Denmark with five marked towns. They were Copenhagen, home of the King and Tivoli; Elsinore, with Hamlet's castle; Odense, birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen; Aalborg, where the snaps comes from; and a small town in north Jutland called Thisted. The last was included because Denmark's first co-operative society was founded there. It is a hundred years since this took

place, with the establishment of the Thisted Workers Society on June 17, 1866. It was the start of the Danish consumer co-operative movement and the foundation on which both the agricultural co-operatives and urban productive co-operatives were based. The three related movements present an aspect of Danish social organization that has aroused worldwide interest.

The driving force in the establishment of the first consumer society was Pastor H. C. Sonne, who had studied the principles of the Rochdale society in Lancashire, the first of its kind in the world, formed in 1844. The 109 families who founded the Thisted Workers Society nearly all belonged to the working class, as the name indicates. In the event, however, the co-operative idea found, in Denmark, its strongest support among farmers and small holders. As time went on, a consumer co-operative society was established in nearly every parish. There were about 800 at the beginning of the century, and 1,900 in the peak of 1950.

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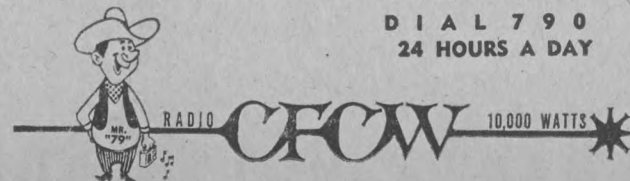


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DENMARK

Axel Dessau was born and educated in Denmark and studied at the University of Copenhagen. He completed his international education by working for a year in London, a year in Berlin, a year in Paris and a year in New York and travelled extensively throughout the world.

Mr. Dessau then established his own public relations service in Copenhagen and organized most of the big international conventions and exhibitions in Copenhagen from 1939 to 1949. In 1945, he was put in charge of the Danish Allied Committee which organized travel programs for about 100,000 British and 60,000 American servicemen and women on leave in Denmark.

Axel Dessau, a man of sharp wit and a keen sense of humor has written many newspaper articles on travel as well as the popular Danish travel book "Tourist in Denmark". He was the adviser to the National Travel Association of Denmark for several years, until 1949 when Denmark opened its first tourist promotion office in the United States and he became director of the official Danish National Travel Office in New York.

Mr. Dessau has been decorated by various governments and is the holder of the Knight Cross of Order of Dannebrog; Order of the British Empire and Palmes Academiques, France.

FINLAND

The Director of the Finnish National Travel Office, Mr. Herman Ramo, was born and raised in Helsinki. He is the current chairman of the Scandinavian Travel Commission. He has held his present position since 1939 — interrupting his career only during the war when he served with the Finnish Navy. Mr. Ramo is a graduate of the Finnish Naval Academy, class of 1927.

In 1932 he joined the Finnish Match Corporation as export manager. During 1937-39 Mr. Ramo also served as Honorary Consul General of Venezuela in Finland. His hobbies include yachting, golf and gardening.

NORWAY

Mr. PerPrag is Director of the Norwegian National Travel Office for North America. He worked with the Conservative Party in Norway until the war, when he escaped to England from Tromsø on the HMS "Devonshire". He then acted as office manager for the wartime Norwegian Government Shipping Pool in London until 1947, when he was appointed director of the Norwegian National Tourist Office in London.

Mr. Prag has written a number of guide books for the travel industry in Norway on subjects such as salmon fishing and mountaineering. He became the first President of the Association of National Tourist Representatives in London.

In April, 1960 he was transferred to New York to act in his present capacity.

For his services to his country, he has been awarded the St. Olav Medal of Norway.

SWEDEN

Ake Gille, a veteran of 26 years in the airline industry, assumed his position as Director of the Swedish National Travel Office in New York on November 1, 1963. His territory is North America.

Mr. Gille, during his career with SAS, had assignments in London, Copenhagen, Cairo, Tel Aviv, and was for 6 years district manager in Athens, Greece, with a territory including Greece and Cyprus.

As Passenger Sales Manager for the worldwide organization of Scandinavian Airlines System, Mr. Gille handled two major promotion campaigns—the "Visit USA" Drive which he promoted throughout Europe—and the "Pleasant Scandinavia" campaign. Gille has been a member of SKAL in every country where he has lived and is one of the founders of the Athens SKAL Club.

Mr. Gille's most recent project is the "Homecoming Year" campaign which has increased American tourism to Sweden considerably. It still has one month to go.

be at home again before the rush hour.

The same day, January the 13 at 8 p.m., all younger Danish people are invited to attend in a meeting also held in Danish in the church basement. All in the age from about 17 to 30 years are welcome. We have found that there were many younger immigrants and especially unmarried people who would like that we had an activity for them. They feel that they do not belong to the English speaking Young People's Club and neither to the Men's Club.

January the 13 there will be a film shown about travelling. We will have a cup of coffee and speak about the program in the future.

THE NEW CHURCH BOARD

After the annual meeting at Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church Nov. the 29 the church board is as follows: President, Poul Larsen; Vice-president, Helge Ahlefeldt; Secretary, Mrs. Birthe Vimtrup; Treasurer,

Mrs. Karen Jensen; Trustees, Ove Klostergaard, Jorgen Carstensen and Jacob Pedersen; Deacons, Erik Pedersen, Axel Gron and Niels Pedersen. The auditors are Arnskov Nielsen and C. Christophersen.

OTHER MEETINGS

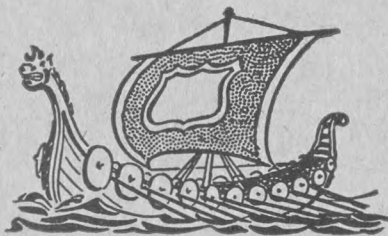
IN THE DANISH CHURCH

The Ladies' Aid, Wednesday the 4th.

Young People's Club, Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m. New Year's Party; Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. Discussion about programs.

The Men's Club, Tuesday the 10. There will be 3 very beautiful films shown: Land of the Lion, North American Elk and Wild Fowl in slow motion.

Young Women's Club, Wednesday the 25. 36 years anniversary of Ansgar Church, Sunday the 29. It will begin with a service in Danish at 8 p.m. and after the service there will be coffee table in the basement. We are expecting a guest speaker.



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FINISH SOCIETY
SOCIAL EVENING
Saturday, January 7th at 8:00 p.m.
Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Ave.
Movie will be shown, Coffee and Dancing
Everybody Welcome.

SONS OF NORWAY LODGE
Annual Installation Dinner & Dance
Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Ave.
Saturday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m.
Members \$1.00 Non Members \$2.00
Carl Elgstrand's Orchestra.

FINNISH SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m.
Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Avenue
Coffee will be served.
Please be sure to attend this meeting.

ANSGAR DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
96 St. & 108A Ave. Phone: 469-6123
Pastor O. Filtenborg — 9225 - 86 Street

January 1, Holy Communion, 11:00 a.m.	Danish Service
January 8, Holy Communion, 11:00 a.m.	English Service
January 15, 11:00 a.m.	Danish Service
January 22, 11:00 a.m.	English Service
January 29, 11:00 a.m.	Danish Service
Danish at 8:00 p.m. Anniversary service. After the service, coffee in the basement.	

Veteran's Home Offers Modern Accommodation

The New Edmonton Veteran's Home, providing auxiliary hospital and nursing home care for veterans from the area north of Lacombe, was officially opened November 16.

It was built by the province at a cost of \$1.2 million. It replaces facilities formerly provided by the Government House Veterans' Home, which is now vacant.

The new Veterans' Home is administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for Canada. It can care for up to 150 patients at a time.

Glass-walled corridors link the three single storey sections of the home, built on a rise overlooking University Avenue just west of the Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium. Two U-shaped wings, each containing 75 beds, join onto a central service section.

Each wing has three twenty-five bed sections. Each section is made up of one, two and four bed wards. The North Wing provides more intensive hospital care for those with medical conditions requiring longer periods of recovery and rehabilitation. The South Wing is set up as a

nursing home, or custodial care unit.

The central service section has a dining room, arts and crafts room, TV and sitting rooms. The servery is connected to the Aberhart Sanatorium by tunnel, and meals will be brought to the Veterans' Home from the large Sanatorium kitchens in this way. Facilities for snacks and refreshments are available in the servery.

Every effort has been made to lessen the institutional flavour of the place in favour of a homelike atmosphere. There are large windows in every room, overlooking landscaped vistas.

In the cul-de-sac formed by each U-shaped dormitory, a patio has been laid out for the patients enjoyment. Glass enclosed solarium have been added to the ends of each "U".

Brick facing is used on the exterior walls of the dormitories for its homelike qualities. A concrete exterior is used on the central service core for its monumentality. A basement storage area is provided for the belongings of the residents.

A chapel has been let into a niche in the north wall of the home. This has been decorated with ceramics by an Alberta artist. Another Alberta artist has produced a painting for the dining room, which captures the spirit of the forty year period

when these veterans served their country. Photographs of Alberta scenes, and reproductions of famous Canadian paintings enliven the rooms.

There will be 94 full-time members of the nursing and dietary staffs when the home is used at full capacity. There will also be four Red Cross arts and crafts workers, and a staff of three Corps of Commissioners attached to the home.

Landscaping for the large area around the Veterans' Home has been done by the Department of Public Works. Featured is an outdoor dining area overlooking a pool. Some of the largest trees ever transplanted in Edmonton are now in place on the grounds.

The first patients in the home are from Government House Veterans' Home, and from the Wells and Col. Mewburn pavilions. These facilities have now been turned over to the Province by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Government House will form part of the Alberta Centennial Museum. The Wells and Col. Mewburn Pavilions are being incorporated into the University Hospital complex. Active treatment for veterans will continue to be provided by the University of Alberta Hospital.